

REMARKS

In a phone conversation on **08 October 2008**, Examiner agreed with Applicant that the allowed claims in the instant case were narrower than necessary for patentability. Although indicating that a search would need to be performed, Examiner pointed out that the claims might be broadened by removing all but the “message credits” parameter of the “parameters associated with operation of said queue pair” because the operation of:

maintaining a second memory configured to store, for each of the multiple queue pairs that is active, one or more parameters associated with operation of said queue pair, wherein said parameters include a maximum number of message credits advertisable by said queue pair

from independent claim 1 (and the corresponding limitation in the other independent claims) appeared to overcome the cited art. Applicant has therefore elected to broaden the claims and re-open prosecution in this case in order to have the broader claims examined.

In accordance with this discussion, Applicant has added new claims 56, 67, 72, and 75 (and otherwise left the original independent claims in the application unchanged). The newly added claims are similar to the original independent claims, except these claims do not include the indicated limitations. In addition, for readability, the clauses in the newly added claims have been reordered in comparison with the original independent claims. For example, in new claim 56, the “maintaining a second memory” clause appears at line 8 instead of at the end of the claim as it does in original claim 1.

The “parameters associated with operation of said queue pair” that Applicant did not include in the newly added independent claims are instead included in dependent claims that depend upon the newly added independent claims (e.g., claim 57 includes the removed parameters from independent claim

56). In addition the original dependent claims have been cancelled and new dependent claims have been added that depend upon new independent claims 56, 67, 72, and 75.

On a less formal note, thanks again for discussing the status of the application, particularly given that examination was closed. Good luck with your promotion.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.
Such action is respectfully requested.

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